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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID WADE, RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL

REF: (A) STATE 15580 (B) JOHANNESBURG 127 (C) STATE 11817

1. DAVID WADE CONCLUDED SUCCESSFUL TWO DAY VISIT TO JOHANNESBURG ON FEBRUARY 22. SCHEDULE INCLUDED LUNCHEON HOSTED BY RLO WITH GENERAL SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF BLACK COMMERCIAL CATERING AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION AND REGIONAL SECRETARY OF NATIONAL UNION OF DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS (NUDW); AND CALLS ON RONALD C. WEBB (COLORED) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (TUCSA) AND ARTHUR GROBBELAAR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF TUCSA.

2. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF WADE'S VISIT WAS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FOR PARTICIPATION OF NUDW GENERAL SECRETARY J. RAY ALTMAN IN A 30-DAY MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ATTENDANCE AT RCIA CONVENTION IN HAWAII; STUDY TOUR WITH RCIA LOCALS IN CHICAGO  
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AND DETROIT AND VISITS TO RCIA HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND AALC IN NEW YORK.

3. RLO ADVISED WADE OF HIS SUPPORT FOR ALTMAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED RCIA PROGRAM AND AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING FALLOUT FUNDS FOR AN IVP NOMINATION OF ALTMAN TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. WADE'S DISCUSSIONS WITH TRADE UNION LEADERS OF VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPINGS INCLUDED RCIA'S ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM IN VARIOUS CONTINENTS; THE UNITED STATES' ROLE IN AFRICA; AND TRADE UNION TRENDS IN SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING THE RECENT BANNINGS AND THE SAG'S STRATEGY TO REPLACE THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WITH A MULTI-RACIAL WORKS AND LIAISON COMMITTEE SYSTEM. BOTH WEBB AND GROBBELAAR BELIEVE THE SAG WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO THIS EFFECT IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT (PROBABLY DURING THE LABOR VOTE IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS TIME) IN ORDER TO NEUTRALIZE AND EFFECTIVELY DESTROY THE SA LABOR MOVEMENT IN FULFILLMENT OF A NATIONALIST PARTY OBJECTIVE WHICH GOES BACK TO 1948.  
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